

South Carolina Youth Workers Association

Proudly Serving South Carolina's Children Since 1959

The South Carolina Youth Workers Association was the first of its kind to bring together a wide range of professionals who serve or have an interest in the issues of the Palmetto State's young people. Its membership over the years has included legislators, social workers, psychologists, teachers, concerned citizens, parents, advocates, health-care workers, probation counselors, and other child-serving professionals and organizations.

The South Carolina Youth Workers Association offers a forum for its membership and other interested persons to advocate for legislation and policy changes that impact children. It also sponsors conferences and training designed to improve our knowledge and understanding of the key issues and concerns faced by today's youth and those who work with them.

SCYWA supports a number of annual awards and scholarships: The Mark Mills Brune Scholarship assists students pursuing studies related to children's services; the Distinguished Service Award acknowledges policymakers who have had a significant impact on youth; the Outstanding Community Award recognizes local level efforts to make a significant difference in the lives of young people; and the Robert Beatty Award, named in honor of a social worker killed in the line of duty in 1960, is given to a front-line youth worker for outstanding service and commitment.

New ideas and members are always welcome. For more information, please contact us at PO Box 2394, Columbia, SC 29202-2394.